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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

TO USOFFICE RFC PARIS

SECSTATE WASHDC 9260

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: AFIN AFSP SY

SUBJ: USDO ACCOUNT WITH CENTRAL BANK OF SYRIA

REF: STATE 209434

1. EMBASSY DELIVERED LETTER DATED AUGUST 9, 1976, SIGNED  
BY USDO LERCHBAUM, TO MANAGER, CENTRAL BANK OF SYRIA WITH  
INTENT TRANSFERRING SYRIAN POUNDS 20,980,000.00 FROM NON-INTEREST  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 6040-24 IN CENTRAL BANK TO COMMERCIAL BANK OF SYRIA,  
ACCOUNT NUMBER 163/3062 WHERE IT WOULD EARN 4 PERCENT INTEREST. (NOTE  
:

EMBASSY PROPOSES PLACE PORTION OF FUNDS IN 3-MONTH TIME  
DEPOSIT EARNING 4-1/2 PERCENT IF IT CAN BE DETERMINED THAT  
THERE WOULD BE NO PENALTY FOR EARLY WITHDRAWAL.)

2. HOWEVER, CENTRAL BANK DECLINED TO HONOR LETTER (REQUEST) ON  
BASIS LERCHBAUM SIGNATURE THEREON AT VARIANCE WITH SPECIMEN  
SIGNATURES PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED UNDER COVER OF LERCHABAUM  
LETTER DATED MAY 2, 1974. EMBASSY COMPARED SIGNATURE ON  
LETTER WITH SPECIMENS ON FILE AT CENTRAL BANK AND AGREES THEY  
ARE AT VARIANCE.

3. FUNDS CANNOT RPT CANNOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANY INTEREST  
BEARING ACCOUNT UNTIL RELEASED BY CENTRAL BANK OF SYRIA.  
PLEASE ADVISE.

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